

True Detective Stories

TRIANGULAR FLAW

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THERE was as little doubt that Lord Herbert Laurence Sheffield belonged to the nobility as there was about his nationality—and that was apparent immediately from his monocle and his spurs. Every shopkeeper along the Via Shinin in Naples knew his lordship, and every one of them admitted that a more representative member of the British aristocracy had never visited Italy.

Lord Herbert was not only lavish with his money, but it was whispered around the Grand Hotel di Napoli that his daughter, Sylvia, soon was to be married to one of the richest men in England.

Therefore when the English nobleman wandered into the establishment of the largest jeweler in Naples some two months after his arrival in the city and asked to be shown some diamond necklaces, there was an immediate scurry to wait upon him. Finally the proprietor himself requested Lord Herbert to come into his private office while he took from the safe a necklace valued at 450,000 francs, the property of a client who was in financial straits.

"I would like to purchase something to give my daughter for a wedding present," explained the Englishman, and the jeweler nodded, for the rumors of the engagement had already reached his ears. "I'm afraid, though," continued his lordship, "that this necklace is a little more expensive than I can afford at the moment. I don't doubt its value, but I'll have to have a little time to think it over."

"Certainly," agreed the jeweler. "I will be pleased to hold it as long as you wish and, should you desire to see and examine it again, I will be very glad to bring it to the hotel at your convenience."

"That would be excellent," assented the visitor, "but I naturally do not wish my daughter to know anything about the transaction. The whole matter is to be a surprise to her."

A few days later, in response to Lord Sheffield's request, the jeweler took the necklace to the Grand hotel and found the Englishman alone in the room. After a very careful examination of the diamonds terms were agreed upon and Lord Sheffield had just produced his letter of credit from his wallet when a girl's voice was heard in the corridor, just outside the door.

"My daughter!" exclaimed the Englishman. "She mustn't know anything about this," and he swept the necklace and the wallet into the drawer of the desk before which he sat. A moment later Sylvia Sheffield came in and announced that her father's tailor had arrived and wished to see him at once. Excusing himself with the statement that he would be back very shortly, Lord Herbert left the room and his daughter followed him immediately.

When half an hour had passed the jeweler began to wonder what was detaining his client, but he didn't worry in the least because his necklace and his lordship's wallet were there in the drawer of the desk, right under his hand. The transaction involved too much money to warrant any impudence, so it was not until two hours had elapsed by before the jeweler rang for the hotel clerk and requested to know what was detaining Lord Sheffield.

"His lordship and Miss Sylvia left the hotel nearly two hours ago," was the reply. "They had received a cablegram from England."

Sensing that he had been robbed, the jeweler tugged at the drawer of the desk only to find that it was locked, but a moment's examination of the next room sufficed to show that the wall against which the desk was placed had been pierced and that the whole procedure had been a plot to lift the necklace and make a quick getaway.

Lvigi Bonfi, one of the shrewdest detectives in Naples, was immediately placed in charge of the case and telegraphed to Rome to have the pair arrested. Sheffield, anticipating such a move, had planted two confederates in the capital, and by the time that the police had found that their alibi was sound the real criminals were well on their way northward. Then followed one of the longest chases in continental detective history.

Finally, after more than eight months, he located them in London, only to be met by the downright denial of the Englishman that he had ever used the name of Sheffield or had ever been in Naples. He accounted for his possession of a number of unset diamonds by the statement that he had bought them in the Argentine and exhibited a bill of sale covering the gems.

To this Bonfi made no reply, but whipped out a jeweler's magnifying glass and commenced to examine the diamonds, one by one.

Then, before the Englishman knew what he was doing, he leaned forward and snapped a pair of handcuffs on him.

"Bills of sale," said the Italian detective, "are easy enough to forge, but you can't forge a diamond—and one of those in your possession has a triangular flaw in precisely the same place as did one of those in the Montori necklace!"

"Lord Sheffield" spent the next twelve years in prison. The girl escaped.

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BROKEN GLASS

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WHEN Sergt. John F. Brennan of New York's police force reached Sixty-ninth street and Park avenue shortly after the accident which caused the death of John McHugh, he found practically nothing which could come under the head of "evidence."

McHugh, it appeared, had been driving along in a light buggy, shortly after dark. An automobile, speeding from behind, had struck the buggy and smashed it to bits, killing McHugh instantly. Apparently the only living witness to the tragedy was the horse, but, as Brennan said, "there's no way of makin' a horse talk."

So the sergeant set to work to collect what bits of evidence he could gather from the surrounding street.

Caught on one of the spokes of the buggy wheel, where it had evidently been torn off by the force of the collision, was a nickel-plated lamp rim bearing the name of the "Ham Lamp Company, Rochester, N. Y." That, and a small fragment of automobile tire about three inches in length, appeared to be the only results of the damage which the automobile had suffered.

But Brennan figured that, as the lamp rim had been torn from its socket, the lens of the lamp would naturally have been shattered, so he set to work to pick up the bits of glass. When he returned to headquarters that night he brought with him an envelope containing twenty-one pieces of glass, together with the nickel rim, the buggy spoke on which it had caught and the jagged piece torn from the automobile tire.

"What are you going to do with that junk?" inquired his associates on the force. "If Sherlock Holmes had had those he could have told you the make of the car, the complexion of the man who was driving it, the license number and how many gallons of gas there was in the tank—but, outside of a book, what good are they?"

"Maybe none at all," admitted Brennan, "but if you'll use some brains when you look at 'em you'll note several things that may be of help in locating the car that killed McHugh and then drove off into the night. I never did take much stock in the Sherlock Holmes stories—it's easy enough to fix it so that your hero can solve a problem that you know the answer of—but here's one case in which I think that his deducin' theories will come in pretty handy."

"See that smudge?" and the sergeant held up the buggy spoke and pointed to what appeared to be a worn place on the wood toward the end which had been nearest the wheel. "At first I thought it was merely where the paint had worn off and the wood showed through. But the rest of the buggy was spick and span. Only a few days out of the shop. So I examined it more carefully and found that it was a bit of gray paint, scratched off the body of the death car itself!"

"Take that lamp rim, now. There are fourteen cars on the market that are equipped with lamps made by that company. So that reduces the number of suspects that much more. We've got to look for a gray car of one of those fourteen makes, which eliminates more than 70 per cent of the cars in the city."

"But what about those pieces of glass? What are they goin' to tell you?"

"Eventually, the name of the man who owned the car," replied Brennan. "There are three kinds of glass there—one plain glass, one mirror lens and one concave-convex lens. If you'll 'em together you'll see that the car carried eight-inch gas headlights and six-inch oil sidelights. Therefore it was an old model. The bit of rubber was very evidently ripped off a four-inch tire. Now, you members of the traffic squad, what kind of a car answers those specifications?"

"A 1909 Packard, model 18," came in a chorus from several of the men who had been trained to recognize the make and model of an automobile from the appearance of its headlights.

"Right!" snapped Brennan. "Old Sherlock Holmes wasn't so far out of the way after all. Now all we have to look for is a 1909 model Packard, painted gray, with at least one gash along the paint on the right side and badly in need of repairs. The headlights are gone, so the car couldn't have traveled very far. Get after the garages around Sixty-ninth street and we ought to have our man before morning. I've done enough work for one night and I'm perfectly willin' that one of you boys should have the credit for the arrest!"

It was less than an hour later that the headquarters' phone rang and Brennan was notified that the owner and driver of the car had been arrested and had confessed, giving as an excuse the fact that he hadn't seen McHugh's buggy until he had been right on top of it and then it was too late to stop the machine. But the fact that he had driven on, without stopping to see what damage he had caused, was enough to convict him of manslaughter and send him to the penitentiary for an extended visit—all on account of a few pieces of glass, a bit of rubber and a smudge of paint, plus the ingenuity of the detective who successfully wove these objects into the strongest kind of a chain of evidence.

STONE.

Bro. Marion Harris delivered an interesting sermon here Sunday.

Simp Mayton filled his regular appointment at Tobe McCain's, Sunday.

Braxton Crabtree spent Sunday at Luke Heady's.

Edd Cherry and wife were the dinner guests of Vallie Stone Sunday.

Mai Scott spent Saturday night with Mary Jane Lack.

Mai McCain entertained a few of her friends Sunday night.

Henry Roberts and wife spent Sunday afternoon at W. B. Cherry's.

Georgie Stone, Edna Lovelady and Mai Scott visited Alda Cherry Wednesday.

Mrs. W. Osgothorp entertained a large crowd of young folks Sunday.

Hello! Cumberland city, come on with your news

Cecil Bailey spent a few days last week with W. R. Cherry and family.

Mai Spivey of Big Bottom, spent a few days with her grandparents, R. B. Crowder and wife.

Mrs. Byrd Lock spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lee.

NOTICE—I wish to announce to the public that I will be in Gainesboro on every Wednesday and Saturday of each week to attend to my official business. I make this announcement for convenience of the people in the rural districts. Those having business with me in connection with the county will please call at my office in the court house on the above mentioned days.

G. L. Dudley, Chairman County Court

Statement of the OWNER-SHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

Of Jackson County Sentinel, published weekly, at Gainesboro, Tennessee, for October, 1921.

State of Tennessee, County of Jackson.

I, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared G. B. Gailbreath, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the Jackson County Sentinel, and that the following is, the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the above said publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are:

Editor, E. W. Tardy, Gainesboro Tenn., Business Manager, G. B. Gailbreath, Gainesboro, Tenn.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgages, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (None)

G. B. Gailbreath, Business Manager. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of January 1922.

W. F. Sadler, Notary Public.

CHANCERY LAND SALE.

Hazzle Holloway, VS George Holloway. In Chancery Court at Gainesboro, Tennessee.

In obedience to a decree of the Chancery Court for Jackson County, Tennessee, made in the above styled cause at the October term 1921, I will, on Saturday the 11th day of February 1922, in front of the courthouse door at Gainesboro, Tennessee, sell to the highest and best bidder the real estate mentioned in the decree and described in the original bill in this cause, which is as follows:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 10th civil district of Jackson County, Tennessee, bounded north by Dow Burgess; east by Mrs. M. E. Holloway; south by J. H. Cummins; and west by Hilman Anderson, containing about 6 acres.

TERMS OF SALE

Sale will be made within legal hours, for one-half cash, and the balance on 12 months time. The purchaser will be required to furnish personal security or the note for the deferred payment. The note will bear interest from date of sale, and a lien will be retained to secure the payment of said note.

This January 17, 1922.

W. F. Sadler, C. & M. P. J. Anderson, Solr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of the estate of H. H. Minchey, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, Willie O. Minchey, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 2nd day of May 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also all persons indebted to the estate of H. H. Minchey, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of Jan. 1922.

Willie O. Minchey, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of the estate of A. J. Carter, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, M. A. Carter, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 23rd day of July 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also, all persons indebted to the estate of A. J. Carter, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of Jan. 1922.

M. A. Carter, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of G. C. Holland, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, W. L. Dixon, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 14th day of November 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also, all persons indebted to the estate of G. C. Holland, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of January 1922.

W. L. Dixon, Admr.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administratrix of the estate of Eldon P. Draper, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, Zora Draper, administratrix of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate, to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 26th day of October 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also, all persons indebted to the estate of Eldon P. Draper, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of Jan. 1922.

Mrs. Zora Draper, Admr.

CREDITORS NOTICE.

To all of the creditors of R. P. Smith, merchant, Hilham, Tennessee, RFD, 2, you are hereby notified to come forward and file your account with me as Trustee, under a deed of assignment made by the said R. P. Smith to me for the benefit of his creditors. I have disposed of the property conveyed to me by said deed of assignment and now hold said funds subject to distribution among all of his said creditors. All claim that are not filed with me within the time specified by law for the filing of said claims after notice has been given, will be forever barred. This January 6, 1922.

Caroline Ellis, Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of the estate of W. H. Toney, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, W. F. Dodson, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 30th day of December 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also all persons indebted to the estate of W. H. Toney, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of January 1922.

W. F. Dodson, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of the estate of M. F. Spurlock, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, Franklin Spurlock, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 21st day of December 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also all persons indebted to the estate of M. F. Spurlock, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of January 1922.

Franklin Spurlock, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of the estate of Jas L. Young, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, J. H. Stafford, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 9th day of December 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also all persons indebted to the estate of Jas L. Young, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of January 1922.

J. H. Stafford, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of Jas W. Stafford, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, E. L. Dudley, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 16th day of November 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also all persons indebted to the estate of Jas W. Stafford, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of January 1922.

E. L. Dudley, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly and legally appointed administrator of the estate of J. E. Hammond, deceased, late of Jackson County, Tennessee, I, J. R. Hammond, administrator of said deceased, hereby give notice to all persons having accounts and demands against said estate to file same with the County Court Clerk of Jackson County, Tennessee, on or before the 14th day of November 1922.

(Acts of 1921)

Also all persons indebted to the estate of J. E. Hammond, deceased, are hereby requested to make immediate settlement with me.

This 2nd day of January 1922

J. R. Hammond, Admr.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

J. R. Hammons, vs Charlie Hammons, et al, and Charlie Hammons et al, vs J. R. Hammons et al. In Chancery at Gainesboro, Tennessee.

Cross bill.

It appearing from the affidavit of D. B. Johnson, Solr., for Compt., that defendants Mary Greenwood Dodd, Jerry Greenwood, Willie Greenwood and Pearl O'Conner are non-resident of the State of Tennessee; and it appearing from the cross bill filed in this case which is sworn to by that defendants Mary Greenwood, Willie Greenswood, Jerry Greenwood, Arthur Greenwood, and Mrs. Pearl O'Conner are non-residents of the State of Tennessee, and that said defendants cannot be served with the ordinary process of law:

It is ordered that said defendants enter their appearance herein, before the Clerk & Master, at his office in the court-house in Gainesboro, Tenn., on or before the 1st Monday in February 1922, next and plead, answer, or demur to the original bill and the cross-bill in this cause, or same will be taken for confessed as to them and set for hearing ex parte; and that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in the Jackson County Sentinel, a newspaper published in Gainesboro, Tennessee.

This December, 23, 1921.

W. F. Sadler, C. & M.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

J. B. Johnson VS Ova Johnson In Chancery Court at Gainesboro Tennessee.

It appearing from the bill filed in this cause, which is sworn to by the Defendant Ova Johnson is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, and cannot be served with the ordinary process of law:

It is ordered that said Defendant enter her appearance herein, before the Clerk and Master, at his office in the courthouse in Gainesboro, Tenn., on or before the third Monday in February 1922, next, and plead, answer, or demur to Complainant's bill, or the same will be taken for confessed as to her, and set for hearing ex parte; and that a copy of this order be published for four consecutive weeks in the Jackson County Sentinel, a newspaper published in Gainesboro, Tenn.

This 14th day of January, 1922.

W. F. Sadler, Clerk and Master. Coleman C. Gore, Solicitor for Complainant.

Non-Resident Notice.

Lizzie Davenport vs Mart Woods.

In this case, upon levy of a judicial attachment ordered by Judge C. E. Snodgrass in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Tennessee, and, it appearing, that, defendant, Mart Woods is a non resident of the State of Tennessee, or, so, conceals himself that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, it is ordered, that, said defendant make his appearance in said Court in this cause on the 3rd Monday in March, next, it being the 20th day of March 1922, and make defense as to said attachment writ or the same will be set for hearing ex parte.

It is further ordered, that, this order be published in the Jackson County Sentinel a newspaper published in said county at Gainesboro, Tennessee, for four consecutive weeks as provided by law.

This January 9th, 1922.

J. L. Reeves, Clerk.

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